

In the Office Action dated June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005, the Examiner objected to the Specification, in particular, the Abstract citing that the Abstract contained claim language. By this amendment, the applicant has corrected this error.

Also in the Office Action, the Examiner essentially rejected claims 1-12, 15-18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sugiyama in view of Sigler. However, the Examiner only objected to claims 13 and 14 as being dependent on a rejected, but otherwise thought that claims 13 and 14 were allowable. It is noted that the Examiner has allowed claim 19.

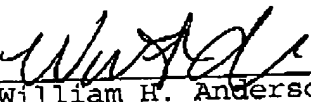
In order to expedite the prosecution of the application, the applicant has carefully considered the prior art cited and has amended Claim 1 to include all the limitations of claim 10, 12 and 13. Therefore, based on the Examiner's previous finding that claim 13 would otherwise be allowable, Claim 1, as amended, should likewise be allowable over the prior art. Thus, the other dependent claims on Claim 1 should also be allowable. The applicant has cancelled claims 10, 12, 13 and 20.

In light of the amendments set forth herein, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Office Action dated June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and allowance of claims 1-9, 11 and 14-19.

This amendment was not submitted within the shortened statutory time, and therefore, the USPTO is authorized to charge any surcharge or other fee to make this amendment timely to Deposit Account No. 19-2201, Army Materiel Command.

Respectfully submitted,

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